



Flathead National Forest

Swan Lake Ranger District

Bigfork, Montana

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Lindbergh Trail #490

Distance: 2.6 miles from end of Lindbergh Lake to Crystal Lake

Difficulty: Easy, fairly flat with little elevation gain

USGS Quad: Cygnet Lake, Gray Wolf

Beginning Elevation: 4,330 ft

Ending Elevation: 4,810 ft

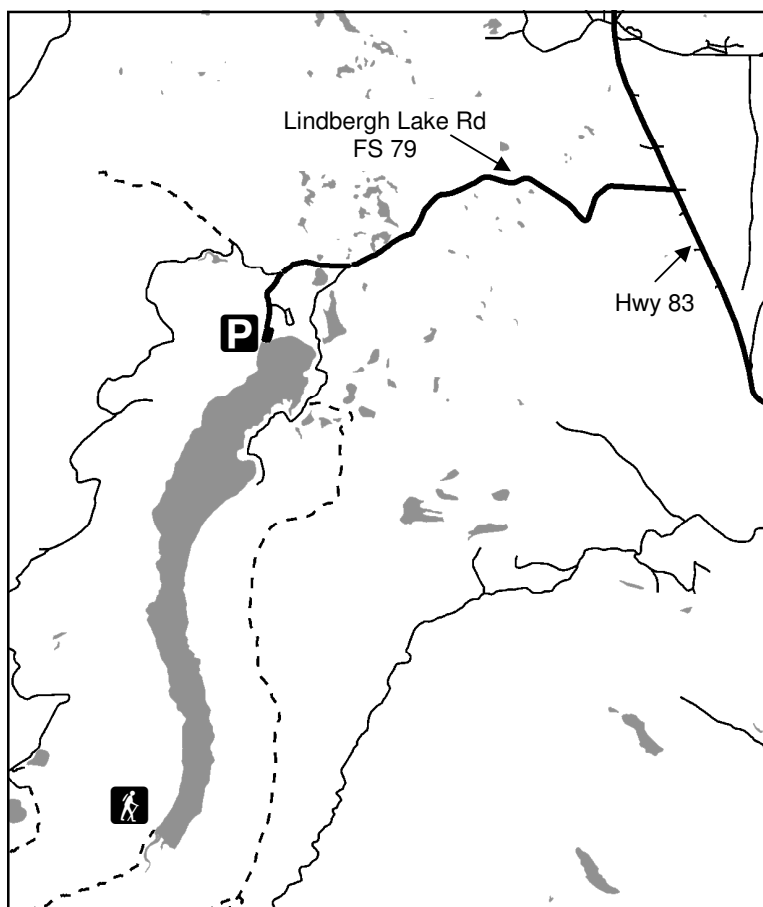
Directions: Boat Accessed. From Highway 83, turn west onto Lindbergh Lake Rd also called Forest Service Road #79 and follow for 3 miles bear right instead of straight, following signs for 79 and the Lindbergh Lake Campground. After an additional 0.6 miles, continue straight-- following signs for the campground. Launch the boat and continue to the southern end of the lake for the trailhead of #490.

Season: Trail usually clear of blowdown and snow by mid- June

Regulations: This trail is in the Mission Mountains Wilderness which allows both hiking and horse riding, but prohibits motorized vehicles and mechanized transport which includes mountain bikes.

Lindbergh Lake allows both motorized and non-motorized boats.

Trail Description: The trail starts on the north side of the inlet of Lindbergh Lake, and gains little elevation to Crystal Lake. There are no views except at Lindbergh and Crystal Lakes. The trail crosses numerous small springs that can create muddy trail conditions, especially in early summer. A ½ mile below Crystal Lake is an impressive stretch of rapids on the Swan River that can be seen by leaving the trail and hiking down towards the river. One of the largest diameter western larch trees in the wilderness can be found on this trail.



Note: Many roads are not displayed.

PACK IT IN — PACK IT OUT

LEAVE NO TRACE

